



INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Role of the
**SAVA RIVER BASIN
COMMISSION**
in the WFD implementation

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Main characteristics of the Sava River Basin



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Main characteristics of the Sava River Basin (cont.)



Sava river length:

944,7 km*

Mean discharge:

1564 m³/s**

* 586 km navigable before 90-ies

** 1st Danube tributary (almost 25% of total discharge)



Main characteristics of the Sava River Basin (cont.)

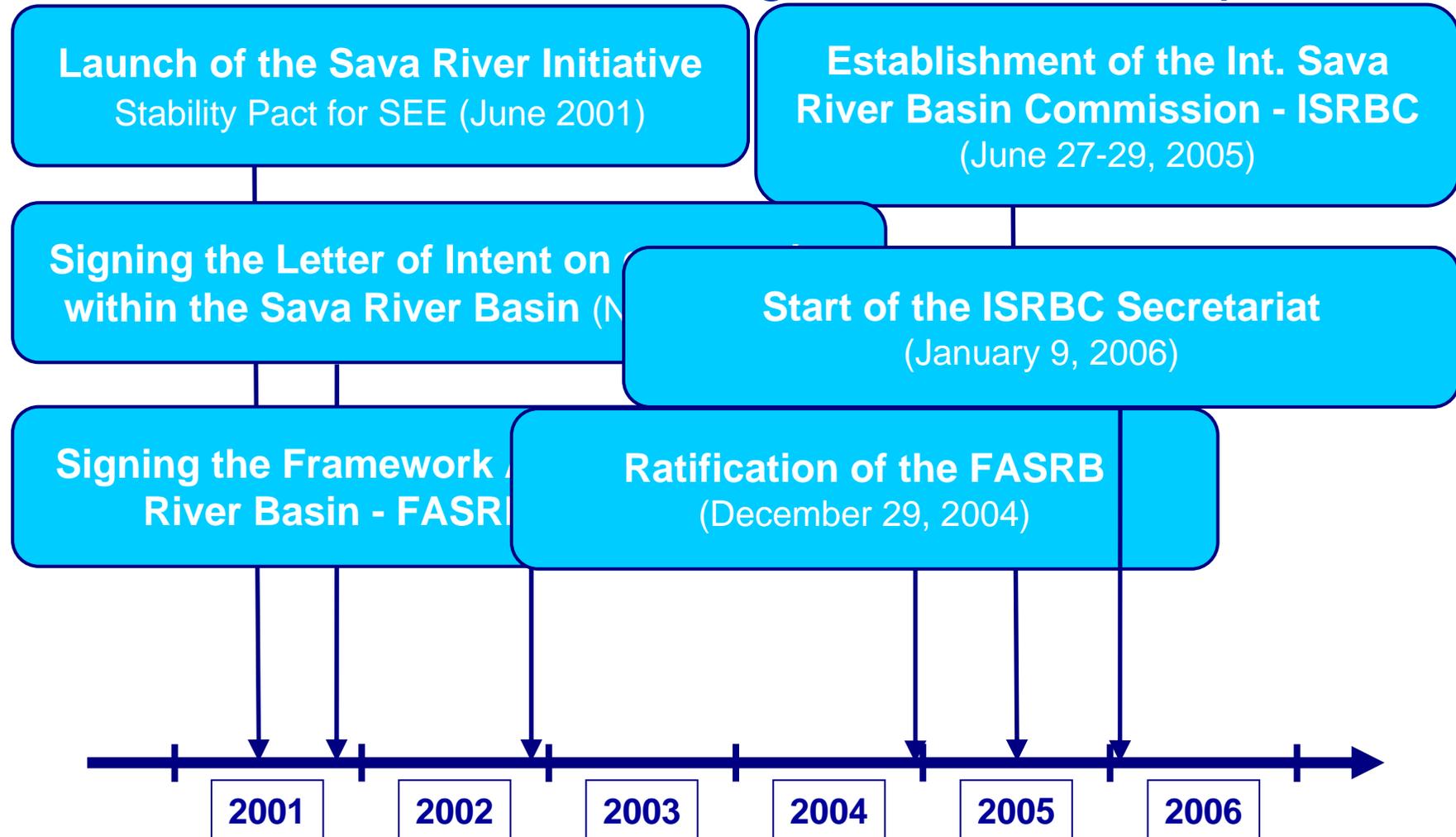
Sava River Basin	Area		
	Total Area	Country share	%
	97.713,2 km ²		
Slovenia		11.734,8 km ²	12,01
Croatia		25.373,5 km ²	25,97
Bosnia and Herzegovina		38.349,10 km ²	39,25
Serbia		15.147,0 km ²	15,50
Montenegro		6.929,8 km ²	7,09
Albania		179,0 km ²	0,18



The Parties to the Framework Agreement on the Sava RB



From an initiative to the agreement on cooperation



The Parties to the Framework Agreement



The Parties to the FASRB

- Slovenia (EU member)
- Croatia (Candidate)
- B&H (non member)
- Serbia* (non member)

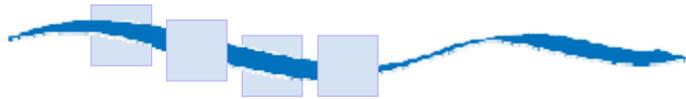
* *The Agreement signed by Serbia and Montenegro*



The Framework agreement on the Sava RB (FASRB) new legal framework for regional cooperation and development

OBJECTIVES:

- Establishment of an international regime of ***navigation*** on the Sava River and its navigable tributaries;
- Establishment of ***sustainable water management***;
- Undertaking of measures to prevent or limit hazards, and reduce and eliminate adverse consequences



International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC)

Platform for the implementation of the FASRB

Coordination:

- in preparation of a joint/integrated **Sava RB Management Plan**
- in establishment of an **unified information system**
- of activities on protection of the aquatic eco-system of the Sava RB

Proposition:

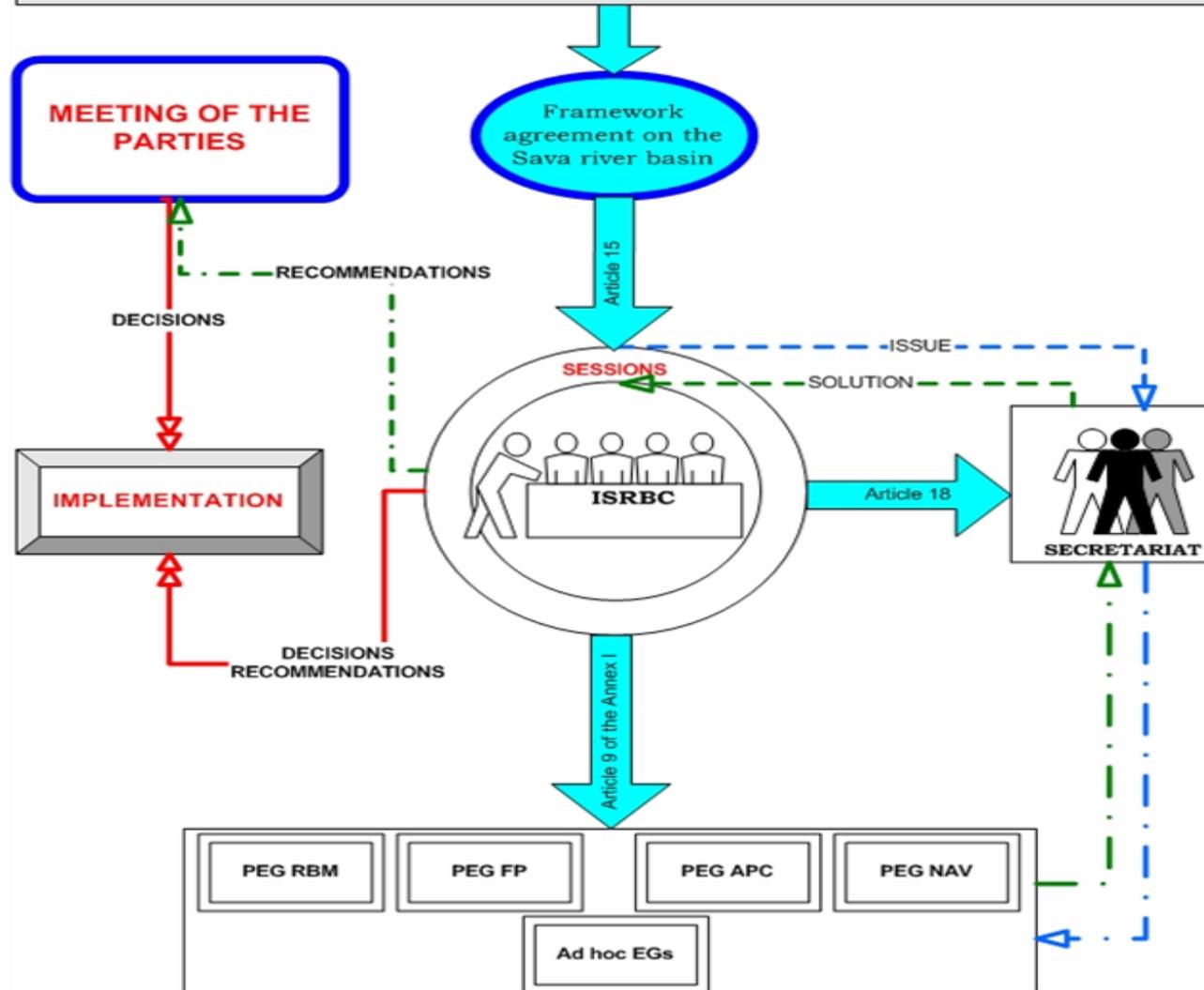
- of the **Sava River Basin Management Plan**
- of priority projects

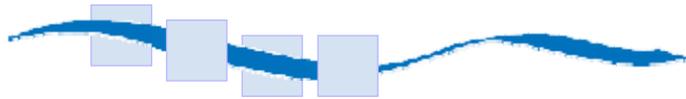
Decision making in the field of navigation

Recommendations in the field of water management



Decision making process of the Sava Commission





Sava River Basin Management Plan

Context:

- Required by the Framework Agreement
- In accordance with the Danube Action plan – subbasin RBM plans

But still why Sava RBM plan when Danube RBM Plan & National plans in preparation?

- Finer scale when compared to Danube RBM Plan
(Danube catchments > 4000 km²; Sava > 1000 km²)
=> Better understanding of transboundary issues on the Sava RB level



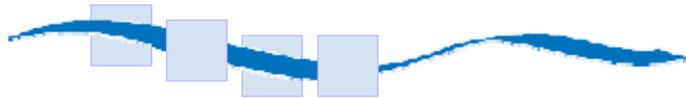
Sava River Basin Management Plan

Preparatory activities

- Late start of activities – end of 2006 (1st meeting of the PEG RBM)
- **Road map** of the Sava RBM Plan prepared - the 1st step
 - The **Road Map** has to be seen as a “living” document that needs a regular update
 - Two main issues, namely the **proposed deadlines**, and the **availability of human and financial resources on the national level** to provide the outputs needed are indicated as **the most critical factors** in timely development of the Sava RBMP

Other anticipated risks:

- Not clear share of administrative-institutional responsibilities regarding preparation of Sava RBM plan,
- Absence of political will to reach an agreement on organisation of work and clarification of responsibilities among Sava countries,
- Lack of needed external resources,
- Non-involvement of Montenegro in overall process,
- Possible under capacity of the Sava Commission Secretariat



Sava River Basin Management Plan

Current status

Sava river basin analysis in preparation

- Analysis includes water quality and water quantity issues
- Analysis being prepared by the country institutions coordinated by the Sava Commission
- Current activities in other basins (i.e. Tisza RB) provided a good guess for the Sava Analysis
- A certain number of anticipated obstacles not solved yet
 - ⇒ Provisional deadline set to the end of FY07 postponed
 - ⇒ Expected finish of the SRBA Report – in 2008



Sava River Basin Management Plan

Requirements for preparation of the Sava RBMA Report and drafting the Sava RBM Plan afterwards:

- Additional engagement of the Sava countries' financial and human resources
- Involvement of Montenegro in overall process
- **External financial resources** needed for “ad hoc” consultants services for i.e.:
 - Hydrology,
 - Groundwater,
 - Droughts ...
- Approval of the Public Participation Plan



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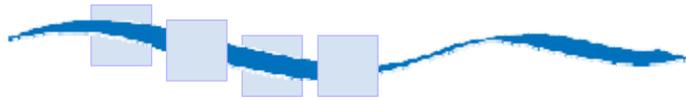
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